

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include Figures 7 and 8 as designated by “Prior Art”, and replace the original sheets which inadvertently omit such a legend.

Attachment: Replacement sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-7 are amended.

New claim 8 is added.

Claims 3 and 5 are allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office action states that the information disclosure statement fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document. We submit a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document. Thus, withdrawal of the objection as it applies to this application is respectfully requested. For the examiner's convenience, a clear copy of the IDS form is provided. Applicants requested an initialed IDS form to confirm consideration of the references.

In response to Detailed Item 1 of the Office action of March 3, 2009, it is respectfully submitted that the PCT/DO/EO/903 reflects that copies of the references cited in the ISR were received by the Office along with a copy of the ISR indicating relevance. In view of this, the Examiner is requested to consider all of the references cited in the IDS of June 3, 2009. MPEP 609.03 and 609.04(a) iii.

Specification

The title of the invention has been amended to comply with the instructions in the Office action.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figures 7 and 8 should be designated by a legend such as -Prior Art-. The drawings are amended to provide a legend - Prior Art - in Figures 7 and 8. Thus, the objection as it applies to the drawings is moot. No new matter is entered by the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). For the following reasons, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding the amended claim 1, AAPA does not disclose that sizes of said holding holes being set so as to differ in accordance with the distances from said substrate to said windows. There is no disclosure in AAPA that the sizes of the holding holes are set to differ in accordance with the distances from the substrate 105 to the windows 123, 125. Instead, it appears in FIG. 8 that the sizes of the holding holes are the same, regardless of the distances from the substrate 105 to the windows 123, 125. Therefore, since every limitation of claim 1 is not taught by the reference, claim 1 is not fully anticipated by AAPA. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection as it applies to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4 and 6-7 which are dependent from claim 1 should be allowable for at least the same reason as claim 1. In addition, regarding claim 4, AAPA does not disclose that each of said portions to-be-held includes a taper portion. Neither the LED light guiding plate 127 nor 129 in FIG. 8 includes a taper portion. Also, regarding claims 6 and 7, AAPA does not disclose that light emission quantities or arrangements of the light emitting elements are set so as to differ in accordance with the arrangements of said light-emitting-element light guide components in the light guide direction. There is no disclosure in FIG. 8 that the light emission quantities or arrangements of the LED elements 107 are set so as to differ in accordance with the arrangements of the LED light guiding plates 127 and 129.

Regarding new claim 8, AAPA does not disclose that said light-emitting-element light guide components have substantially the same shape. The LED light guide plates 127 and 129 have different shapes as shown in FIG. 8, since the base portion 133 of the LED light guide plate 129 is thicker than the base portion 131 of the LED light guide plates 127 (Paragraph 6).

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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